

Regular Meeting of the
Downtown Development Authority
Thursday, September 3, 2015
Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Einstein Room

ROLL CALL

COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION

BOARD PRESENT: Michael Weymouth, Chair
Dennis F. O'Shea, Vice-Chair
Tim Petrillo, Secretary
Jim Ellis, Treasurer
Gregory Durden, Board Member
John Ropes, Board Member

NOT PRESENT: William H. Bodenhamer, Jr., Board Member

ALSO PRESENT:

John Milledge, DDA Legal Counsel	Jeff Jenkins
Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director	Heather Lee
Marti Brown, Administrative Coordinator	Jenni Morejon
Chadwick Blue, Urban Planner	Stefano Viola
Chuck Adams, Budget Director	Dale Reed
John Bertino	Carlos Florian
John Labandera	James Wetherington

PRESIDING: Michael Weymouth, Chair

Chairman Weymouth called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Roll call was taken by Marti Brown. All Board members were present with the exception of Mr. Bodenhamer. Chairman Weymouth asked if there was any discussion on Consent and hearing none, a ***motion was moved by Mr. Ropes and seconded by Mr. Ellis approving the items on the consent agenda.*** The following items were unanimously approved:

CONSENT AGENDA

C-1) Approval of the minutes and follow ups from the August 13, 2015 DDA Board Meeting and the 8/20/15 Workshop.

REGULAR AGENDA

Chairman Weymouth recognized John Bertino from Mayor Ryan's office. The Police Report and Ambassador's Report were moved up to the front of the agenda.

R-6 Police Report

Chairman Weymouth explained that he wanted the Police update to be brief with statistical information and if something requires further discussion or is sensitive in nature, he would prefer it given time on the next agenda to help move the meetings along. Sergeant Jenkins introduced himself

and said larcenies are down and that most incidents occur on 2nd Street. He said it's mostly cell phones being taken. Sergeant Jenkins said the bus terminal continues to be an issue. Sergeant Jenkins said he's taking over the CRU Unit.

R-7 Monthly Security Ambassador Update

Mr. Wetherington said he gets complaints about night time activity especially around the Historical Museum and along Riverwalk by the New River Inn area. He said the cameras they installed catch groups of people hanging out and he's notified the mounted unit. He said the mornings have been better but they have noticed new homeless individuals in the area. Mr. Wren thanked Mr. Wetherington for his efforts and said they have made a big difference especially in the last 45 days.

R-3 CRA Security Ambassador Update

Mr. Ellis asked Mrs. Morejon about the CRA rewrite. Mrs. Morejon explained it has not been updated in years. She explained the process needed and timeframes. She said there is a kickoff meeting tomorrow and they plan to take it to the City Commission on December 15th and it will include all budget amendments. She said Phase 1 would include a budget amendment and Phase 2 would be about a 14 or 16 month process with more outreach. Mr. Wren said he met with Jeremy Earle and he discussed the DDA's strategic plan and efforts to get that into the plan also. Mr. Ellis said after the December date, how soon after they could start the Ambassador Program. Mrs. Morejon said because of the expansion within the CRA, there would be a competitive procurement process. She said they may be able to piggyback off Pompano. Mr. Ellis asked about the \$250,000 funding request and Mrs. Morejon said she has no update at this time. Mr. Wren said he doesn't see the amount being less than this and he's asked Mr. Wetherington for ideas on running the program. Mr. Ropes asked if the DDA would be managing it and Mr. Wren said yes. Mr. Wren said he'd hire another staff person and another position like Mr. Wetherington holds.

Mr. Ellis requested Mr. Wren follow up on these items: 1) check on administrative money being written in the program, 2) that the \$250,000 that was secured for NWCRA in Flagler Village stays east of the railroad tracks even if there's additional funding. Mr. Wren said he would monitor that. Mr. Ellis asked Mr. Wren where things stood with requesting more monies from the City Manager. Mr. Wren said a meeting has been set up and he will discuss other items as well such as PACA and will ask for \$200,000 for this year for the Ambassadors. **Mr. Ropes asked if the City has a contract on the south side with Wackenhut.** Mr. Wetherington said this company deals on a federal level but they are now called G4S. Mr. Wren said he'd check into it. Mr. Wren said it's important to invest in security as a big pool and he needs to know where this is headed in the next 10 to 20 years.

R-1 Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Update

Mr. Coddington said Governor Scott is visiting a global company on Tuesday at 110 Tower where they just took space. He said the competition was huge and this company connected with the community quickly. He said the 101 Building had the incentives approved and will be bringing in about 200 people and will occupy 3 floors. He said their name will be on the tower. Mr. Coddington said he's been working with another aviation company in the downtown and said the Wave project comes up a lot and companies are excited about All Aboard Florida. He showed the Board the South Florida Tech Gateway Map of technological companies in the region that they just redid and Florida is in the middle. He said they have 75 companies and will increase to 150 and the website is techgateway.org. He said it's a great marketing tool. Mr. Coddington said the School Board is

interested and on board for the next phase and he explained how they will expand the information taking you to the company website for each one. Chairman Weymouth asked if he's had any issues with the absorption of office space and Mr. Coddington said not yet. Discussion took place on the market 3-5 years out.

R-2 FEC-RAC Greenway Trail

Mr. Ellis said a conversation was initiated with the City about greenway and he explained the area and where there is available space. He said the FEC is interested and will work together but they have not committed funds. Mr. Ellis said hopefully with CRA monies they can do this along with other greenway trails. He said they want to be able to get from the All Aboard Terminal across Broward Boulevard in an easy fashion. He said there has also been discussion on getting from the terminal to the Riverwalk and on the south side of the river to Hardy Park. He said Elizabeth Van Zandt from the City is taking this initiative on and he will look out for updates.

R-4 The Wave Streetcar

Mr. Wren said there have been a few hiccups and financial issues and explained. He said there are utility issues and that Mr. Milledge and himself will work with the partners. He said the DDA and City have been working on station designs. He said they will get more into them with construction beginning mid next year. Mr. O'Shea asked about the timeline. Mr. Wren explained the construction timeline to finish and said they've discussed tax credits for at risk businesses with the City. He said the biggest issue right now are the utility issues. Mr. Wren said they want the outreach on construction to be extensive and make it as easy as possible for the community. **Chairman Weymouth asked if there is still an issue with the delivery of trains, engines, etc. and Mr. Wren said it was previously 24 months but will find out.** Mr. Blue emphasized that the Wave team has identified this as a critical issue.

R-5 DITIS Engineering, Permitting and Construction Management Services

Mr. Wren said the principal is here today. He said they had a selection process. He said he was looking for a motion on the following: *Authorize staff to execute a contract with Kimley-Horn for engineering, permitting and construction management services for the Intelligent Transportation System Kiosk Project, with costs to be fully reimbursable from FTA ITS Grant Funds and estimated not to exceed \$49,685 plus permitting related application fees. Mr. Ropes moved the motion and Mr. O'Shea seconded. By roll call vote, all were in favor.*

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

D-1 News Articles

All information was in their packages.

D-2 Project Status

All information was in their packages.

Other

Mr. Wren said he has been looking at the entertainment district both in the downtown and beach and passed around an email he received. He said he has put in a formal request for the DDA to be a part of the Parks Masterplan. Mr. Ellis talked about open space in the DDA and said he sat with Mr. Feldman, Mr. Milledge and Mr. Wren to discuss what will happen in the downtown and to include the Board in the process. He explained in more detail. Since the First Budget Hearing had to begin,

the meeting was postponed at 5:02 p.m.

The Chairman reopened the Regular meeting at 5:05. Mr. Petrillo said he is an advocate for parks and asked what transpired since the Board rescinded the Resolution awhile back. Discussion held. Mr. Wren said he put in a request to be involved and Mrs. Morejon will also take that back to the City. **Mr. Wren said he will put this item on the next agenda.** Mr. Wren said that perhaps a committee of one would be beneficial. Mr. O'Shea said there were four districts within the DDA's jurisdiction with different end dates and different structures and the Board needs to look at this. Mr. Petrillo agreed and said he's been involved with an entertainment district with the City's involvement. Mrs. Morejon said she just saw a scope of services and briefly explained to the Board that the City has the intent to bring on a consultant and read the aspects of that which included study and recommendation, public safety, quality of life, transportation, etc. She said there are five districts throughout the City and they will be looking at all including the management structure. She said the process is five months for a quick study and recommendation and the DDA will be included. Mr. Wren said having a committee of one would be beneficial also.

Mr. Ellis said he ran into Mayor Ryan who asked what kinds of issues the DDA has and Mr. Ellis said they discussed the bus terminal, jail, county garages and the library along with activating Riverwalk. Mr. Ellis asked how they should handle this, through a letter or sit down or other. Mr. Milledge said they should figure out what the main priorities are, identifying problems and giving solutions, including the units. Mr. Wren said he needs to circle back with Mayor Seiler on that item also. **After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Ellis will put together a list and work with Mr. Wren and then a workshop will be scheduled so the Board is unified on their main priorities boiling it down to three items.**

As there was no other business, Chairman Weymouth adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

First Public Hearing on Budget
Downtown Development Authority
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Broward Center, 201 SW Fifth Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

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PRESIDING: Michael Weymouth, Chair

Chair Weymouth called the First Public Hearing on the Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget for 2015-2016 to order at 5:02 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Chair Weymouth opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Millage Rate for 2015-2016. Chair Weymouth made the announcement of the following: The name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back rate of 0.5074, the percentage increase (1.95% of the Proposed Operating Millage Rate over the Rolled-back rate, the Proposed Operating Millage Rate of 0.5173, the Proposed Debt Service Millage Rate of 0.5232 and the Proposed Total Millage Rate of 1.0405.

Mr. Milledge read Resolution 9-1-15 by title only adopting the Proposed Millage Rate for 2015-2016.

Chair Weymouth asked if there were any comments from the public and hearing none, Chair Weymouth closed the Public Hearing on the Proposed Millage Rate for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Chair Weymouth asked if there were comments from the Board. There were none.

Chair Weymouth asked if there was a Motion to Adopt the Resolution Adopting the Proposed Millage Rate for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Mr. Ropes made the motion and Mr. Ellis seconded. By roll call, all were in favor.

Chair Weymouth opened the Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Budget. Mr. Milledge

read Resolution 9-2-15 by title only adopting the Tentative Budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

Chair Weymouth asked if there were comments from the public and hearing none, Chair Weymouth closed the Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Budget. Chair Weymouth asked if there were comments from the Board. There were none.

Chair Weymouth asked if there was a Motion to Adopt the Resolution Adopting the Tentative Budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Mr. Ropes made the motion and Mr. O'Shea seconded. By roll call, all were in favor.

Chair Weymouth closed the Public Hearing on the Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget at 5:05 p.m.